Allowance were the cause of the alleged abandonment of the present application. There is no factual basis for those statements.

Attached hereto is a copy of applicants' attorneys' file copy of the "PART B-FEE(S) TRANSMITTAL" USPTO form PTOL-85, completed and executed for filing on February 2, 2006 [Appendix A, attached]. Also attached as Appendix B is a copy of this law firm's check stub corresponding to a check, No. 410824, dated 2/1/2006, made to Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in the amount of \$1,700.00 for "Issue Fee (28951.1130)" applicants' attorneys' reference number for the above-identified application.

Further attached as Appendix C is a copy of applicants' attorneys' firm's receipt postcard showing that "FEE(S) TRANSMITTAL w/ \$1,700 check #410824" was filed in the USPTO as evidenced by the USPTO receipt date stamped February 2, 2006.

The above-discussed evidence attached hereto demonstrates that applicant's undersigned attorneys duly paid the issue fee and publication fee which were duly received by the USPTO on February 2, 2006.

Accordingly, withdrawal of the erroneous "Notice of Abandonment" and restoration of this application to pending status are hereby requested.

In the event that it is necessary, this request may be treated as a Petition Under 37 CFR 1.181 et seq., and any appropriate fees therefore may be charged to Deposit Account No. 19-4293, although

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in the circumstances of this case applicants believe that no fees should be charged, and if changed all such fees should be refunded.

Should any USPTO personnel have any further questions concerning this matter, they are invited to telephone applicants' undersigned attorney at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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